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For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND	)	
APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING	)	
MINIMALLY INVASIVE	)	
CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS	)	
GRAFT SURGERY	)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**MAIL STOP PGPUB DRAWINGS**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include replacement, formal drawings of **Figs. 1-41**. These forty-three (43), drawing sheets, which include formal drawings of **Figs. 1-41**, replace the original, drawing sheets including **Figs. 1-41**.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets